

Egremont Board of Health

Thursday, April 9, 2020, 10:00 am

ZOOM Conference Call

Board Members Present: Charles Ogden/Chairman, Dr. William Rose, Ellen Maggio

Also In Attendance: Ed Fahey/Alliance Health Agent, George McGurn/EBOS, Lucinda Vermeulen/EBOS

Recording: Juliette Haas, Director

- 1) The minutes from the March 12 and March 26, 2020 meetings were reviewed and accepted as presented (3-0).
- 2) **Straher/24 Lakeside Drive** Board discussed Mr. Straher most recent communication. While he did not provide a specific timeline for the demolition of the structure, he did say he hoped he would be presenting building plans by this coming Fall. Director Haas will reach out to Al Thorp, who Mr. Straher has hired to perform a wetland delineation and septic plans for future septic system, to ask when he will be scheduling and performing the work. Director Haas will also relay to Al Thorp that the “grandfathered” status of the site may be held if the perimeter of the structure is staked.
- 3) **Walley/5 Prospect Lake Road** Director Haas recently sent the homeowners a letter stating the immediate need for a septic upgrade at this property and steps they must perform until the new system is installed. She informed the board she will reach out to them to ask for a specific timeline for the work if they do not reply.
- 4) **Shaw/11 Taconic Lane** The board approved the Local Upgrade Approval (LUA) request of a one foot reduction to estimated seasonal high groundwater under maximum feasible compliance for the septic plans presented by Kelly, Granger and Parsons.
- 5) **Field Work:**
 - a. Perc on Lakeside Drive – Ed reported only one perc and two deep holes were performed on small lot. As the situation stands, this perc data is not suitable for construction.
 - b. Title 5 154 Hillsdale Road – system passed
 - c. Title 5 6 Prospect Lake Road – system passed
- 6) **COVID19**
 - a. Two rounds of letters went out to Short Term Rental (STR) owners stating recent state requirements during the COVID19 situation.
 - b. Guidance was emailed out to all Egremont food establishments stating procedures during this current situation.
 - c. A letter to owners of Berkshire County real estate agencies will be sent in the mail today strongly urging that home showings or open houses should not be performed during the current situation.

- d.** As of today's meeting four confirmed cases are still open in Egremont. No new cases have been reported. Director Haas was asked to check with PH Nurse Leslie Drager for the status of the open cases.
 - e.** The subject of mask wearing protocols for grocery store employees was discussed. Director Haas will inquire whether this subject can be considered on a state level by MassDPH.
- 7)** Meeting adjourned at 11:08 am. Next meeting will be in two weeks.

Approved
JSHAas
5/7/2020